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1. FOLLOWING A MEETING SEPT 8 WITH ZAMBIAN PRESIDENTIAL
ADVISOR MARK CHONA AT HIS REQUEST ON RHODESIA, THE
CONTACT GROUP TURNED THE DISCUSSION BRIEFLY TO THE
SUBJECT OF NAMIBIA. SPEAKING FOR THE FIVE, THE UK
(AMB RICHARD) SAID THAT IT WAS NOW APPARENT THAT THE
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SYG WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE SOME CLARIFICATIONS ON HIS
REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL, PARTICULARLY ON THE
SUBJECT OF VOTER REGISTRATION. THE FIVE ALSO THOUGHT
THAT IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO HAVE SEPARATE CEASEFIRE
DOCUMENTS IN ADDITION TO THE MANDATE FOR A CEASEFIRE
WHICH WOULD BE PART OF A SC RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA.
DRAWING ON THE AGREED WESTERN FIVE TEXT, RICHARD THEN

DESCRIBED THE ELEMENTS THE FIVE THOUGHT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE SEPARATE BUT IDENTICAL CEASEFIRE DOCUMENTS THAT SWAPO AND THE SAG MIGHT BE ASKED TO SIGN.

2. CHONA SAID THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO REPLY IN CONCRETE TERMS ON THESE SUBJECTS. HE DID WISH TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT REGARDING VOTER REGISTRATION THE AFRICANS HAD CONSIDERABLE GROUNDS FOR DISTRUST OF THE SAG, CONSIDERING THE SAS'S ACTION IN APPOINTING AN ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL FOR NAMIBIA AND IN BEGINNING THE RESISTRATION PROCESS IN ADVANCE OF UN ACTION. IF THERE WERE SOME WAY TO SATISFY AFRICAN CONCERNS WITHOUT AMENDING THE SYG'S REPORT THEN THAT WOULD BE FINE. NJOMA, CHONA CONTINUED, VERY MUCH WANTS ASSURANCES THAT THE ELECTIONS WILL BE FAIR. CERTAINLY, CHONA SAID, THE ELECTORAL PROCESS, UPON COMPLETION, CAN LEAVE NO GROUNDS WHATSOEVER FOR COMPLAINT BY SWAPO. REGARDING THE CEASEFIRE, CHONA SAID THAT THE AFRICANS WERE BEING PRESSED BY NJOMA THAT THERE MUST BE A SEPARATE CEASEFIRE DOCUMENT BINDING ON ALL THE PARTIES. REGARDING SWAPO'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSALS, CHONA URGED THE FIVE TO "PUT UP WITH" SWAPO TACTICS. SWAPO HAS ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL, CHONA SAID, AND IS NOW TRYING TO PUT THE AGREEMENT INTO EFFECT WITHOUT FORMALLY ANNOUNCING THAT IT HAS ACCEPTED IT.

3. CANADA (LAPOINTE) SAID THAT AS FAR AS THE FIVE WERE CONFIDENTIAL

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AWARE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT AFRICAN CONCERNS ON THE SYG'S REPORT WERE THE REGISTRATION AND CEASEFIRE ISSUES. WERE THERE ANY OTHER PROBLEM AREAS? CHONA MENTIONED THE SIZE OF THE POLICE FORCE BUT ADDED THAT PERHAPS THE AFRICANS COULD LIVE WITH THE LANGUAGE AND NUMBERS IN THE REPORT AS IT STANDS. THERE WERE SOME OTHER "TECHNICAL PROBLEMS" THAT THE AFRICANS WOULD BE CONSULTING ON WITH THE SYG BUT THESE WERE NOT AN AREA FOR CONCERN BY THE FIVE. REGARDING THE APPEARANCE OF THE DTA BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL, CHONA COUNSELLED THE FIVE TO "LET THEM PUSH IT BUT DON'T BE SEEN AS PUSHING IT FOR THEM". YOUNG

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